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The Hon. Julius Genachowski
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12 Street, SW
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Dear Chairman Genachowski:

With another baseball season about to begin, we are writing to you regarding the status of the carriage dispute between MASN and Time Warner Cable.

As you may know, a condition of the 2006 Adelphia Order established a clear process for resolving disputes between independent sports programmers and cable operators. In this case, decisions of two independent arbitrators were appealed and upheld nearly a year and half ago but we are still awaiting some final resolution.

While we appreciate your commitment, we are concerned that many of our constituents are still unable to watch MASN's college football and basketball programming. Opening Day for the 2010 Major League Baseball season is nearly upon us, further delay in a resolution could jeopardize another season.

Although you have acknowledged the need to resolve this dispute, it has been pending for more than a year and we would like to know when our constituents can expect some final resolution?

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,


Rep. Howard Coble


Rep. Mike McIntyre


Rep. Walter B. Jones


Sen. Richard Burr


Rep. G. K. Butterfield

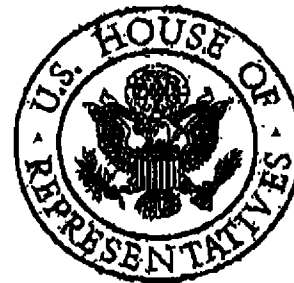

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OFFICE OF
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May 28, 2010

The Honorable Howard Coble
U.S. House of Representatives
2468 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Coble:

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I understand your concerns and the importance of this matter to consumers in North Carolina who subscribe to Time Warner service. As you note, the Commission's Media Bureau had issued an *Order on Review* affirming an arbitrator's decision mandating carriage of MASN on Time Warner cable television systems in North Carolina. Time Warner filed an Application for Review requesting full Commission review of the Bureau's decision. A draft decision on the Time Warner Application had been circulated to the full Commission prior to my tenure as Chairman. Recently, the Commission's Media Bureau prepared a revised draft decision for the Commission's consideration, and I hope to resolve this matter as quickly as possible.

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The Honorable Richard M. Burr
United States Senate
217 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Burr:

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The Honorable George K. Butterfield
U.S. House of Representatives
413 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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United States Senate
521 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Walter B. Jones, Jr.
U.S. House of Representatives
2333 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Jones:

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U.S. House of Representatives
2437 Rayburn House Office Building
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